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Supporting New Hampshire Businesses

Supporting small businesses is the best way to create sustainable jobs in New Hampshire, and listening to our own small business owners helps me better understand the challenges they face. On December 13, I visited Mechanical Systems Incorporated, a full-service mechanical contractor and facilities service provider for commercial, industrial, and retail projects based in Salem. As a member of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I've advocated for measures that will help small firms like MSI innovate and succeed in a global economy.

Tom Hooper Sr., who runs MSI with his two sons, has about two dozen

Senate Passes Historic Arms Control Treaty

With the ratification of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty ("New START") on December 22, the Senate achieved a significant victory both for America's national security and global efforts to control nuclear proliferation. As chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on European Affairs, I argued strongly for passage of the Treaty, which will limit the number of strategic nuclear weapons deployed by both Russia and the United States, and allow the U.S. to resume critical inspections of Russia's nuclear arsenal.

The historic measure continues reduction and verification initiatives

Happy Holidays from Senator Shaheen

As 2010 comes to a close, I can't help but think about the many wonderful people I've met over the last year who have reminded me of the incredible strength of the New Hampshire spirit.

It's been a difficult year, and while our state has fared better than most during this economic downturn, there's more work to do to create good-paying jobs in New Hampshire.

But, I know we can do it. And my optimism about our future is grounded in you.

In 2010, I went to small farms in Walpole and Lebanon, cut the ribbon at the new New Hampshire

employees and has focused on workforce training to stay competitive during the downturn. Like many other small business owners, he said some of the tax relief included in the recently signed Small Business Jobs Act will be a welcome help as he looks for opportunities to expand. He also told me about his support for comprehensive tax reform, something I've called for in the Senate and I hope to address in the coming year.

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begun under the START I Treaty signed by President George H.W. Bush, and restores America's leadership on the nuclear agenda.

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Food Bank facility, and turned the switch on for the opening of North Conway Water Precinct's new solar energy project. I visited businesses across the state from Sig Sauer in Exeter to Mikros in Claremont and Tea Birds Cafe in Berlin. During each visit, I was reminded of the strength and perseverance that characterize New Hampshire.

As we gather with our families this holiday season, let's remember our brave men and women in uniform who are serving our country overseas. To them, and to all the people of New Hampshire: Happy Holidays and have a wonderful New Year!

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